Mid Atlantic Pipe Trades Association



Maryland Senate - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

TO: Senator Paul Pinsky, Chair; Senator Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair; and Member of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

FROM: Jason Ascher, Political Director – Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

Support SB 746 – State Fire Marshal – Sprinkler Systems Enforcement

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and it's over seven thousand members from United Association Locals across the state, I ask that you Support SB 746.

Safety, whether at home or in the workplace is always of the utmost importance. When it comes to fire sprinklers, ensuring that they are installed properly and functioning properly needs to be a priority. These systems not only protect the residents but they protect the first responders.

These essential safely systems need to be in all homes, whether it be 100 families, or 1 family. Personally, the building I live in has had 3 fires in the 2 years I have lived there and each time the sprinkler system extinguished it quickly, protecting the resident and kept damage to isolated area.

As an organization that represents men and woman who proudly install and maintain fire sprinkler systems, we believe that any regulation to ensure that these system function properly is a must. The end goal, is safety, and these systems working properly keep people safe.

For the reasons listed above, I ask that you Support SB 746 with a favorable report.

Sincerely, Jason Ascher Political Director Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association 7050 Oakland Mills Road, Suite 180 Columbia, MD 21046